

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on Page 11, lines 7 - 14 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- For example, the user might select the “LIKE” choice depicted in list 421 in combination with “Raleigh, NC” in drop-down list 422 to indicate that he/she wishes to see jobs in locations similar to Raleigh, NC. “Similar”, in this context, may be interpreted as geographically nearby. Or, a query engine that executes queries built by an embodiment of the present invention may be adapted for determining factors such as population density, and using cities of similar characteristics for those locations which are “like” Raleigh, NC. ~~[[An]]~~ As another example, the query engine might perform a string pattern-matching operation to determine whether one value is “like” another. --

Please replace the paragraph on Page 21, lines 1 - 9 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- As will be appreciated by one of skill in the art, embodiments of the present invention may be provided as methods, systems, or computer program products. Accordingly, the present invention may take the form of an entirely hardware embodiment, an entirely software embodiment, or an embodiment combining software and hardware aspects. Furthermore, the present invention may take the form of a computer program product which is embodied on one or more ~~computer-usable~~ computer-readable storage media (including, but not limited to, disk storage, CD-ROM, optical storage, and so forth) having computer-usable program code embodied therein. In addition, the present invention may be offered as a method of doing

business (for example, whereby queries are created for users, perhaps for a fee, and so forth). --